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Commissioner for Patents
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FILING OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a filing of a divisional application under
37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application of:

Applicants : T. TAKEUCHI et al.
Serial No. : 10/163,475
Filed : June 5, 2002
For : COLUMN-AND-BEAM JOIN STRUCTURE

1. [X] Enclosed is a copy, which does not contain new matter, of the specification, claims, abstract and drawings of prior Application No. 10/163,475. Also enclosed is a copy of the Inventors' Declaration containing a copy of the Inventors' signatures which was filed in Application No. 10/163,475.
2. [X] The enclosed copy of prior Application No. 10/163,475 comprises 28 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, 18 sheets of drawings and 4 pages of the Inventor's Declaration.

3. [X] The names of the inventors of this divisional application are:

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The residences, citizenships, and addresses of the inventors appear in the enclosed copy of the inventors' Declaration.

4. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. As shown in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, cancel in this application claims 1-7, and 10-13 in the copy of the application filed herewith prior to calculating the filing fee.
5. [X] Enclosed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.
6. [X] The filing fee is as calculated below:

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AMENDMENT PLUS CLAIMS ADDED BY AMENDMENT

| | NUMBER FILED | | | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | CALCULATION | | |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 9 | - | 20 | = 0 | x\$ 18 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 6 | - | 3 | = 3 | x\$ 86 | = | \$ | 258.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | | +\$290 | = | \$ | 0.00 |
| | BASIC FEE | | | | | + + | \$ | 770.00 |
| | TOTAL | | | | | = | \$ | 1028.00 |

7. [X] Please charge the filing fee of \$1028.00 to Deposit Account 11-0600. Please charge any deficiency of filing fee to Deposit Account 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

8. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
9. [X] As shown in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, amend the specification at page 1 before the first line of text.
10. [X] New drawings are enclosed.
11. [X] The prior application is assigned to Nippon Steel Corporation, Tokyo, Japan; and is recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel/Frame 021995/0842-0843.
12. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Robert T. Tobin, Reg. No. 24,234. The power appears in the original inventors' declaration.
13. [X] Continue to address all future communications to:
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14. [X] The claim of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is made from the following patent applications filed in Japan:
- Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2001-170432
filed June 6, 2001.
- Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2001-391061
filed December 25, 2001.
15. [X] Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §120 from prior pending Application No. 10/163,475 filed June 5, 2002.
16. [X] The entire disclosure of prior Application No. 10/163,475 filed June 5, 2002, for which a copy of the Inventors' Declaration is supplied, is considered part of the accompanying divisional

application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

17. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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